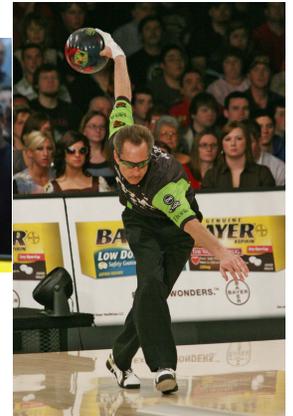




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**News**

Welcome to this edition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. In this edition, we will be talking about going to the PBA Tour Awards Banquet in the year 2000. The Strike Column will feature a discussion about the best players of the '09-10 season. So enjoy this edition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

The season finale of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour saw the Marathon Open, where Wes Malott was trying to defend his title. There were a couple differences in the tournament, one being the fact that they had more cuts. This made it more interesting because your favorite players had to figure out a way to keep on striking after the qualifying. It wasn't like last year where there was only one cut.

There were more cuts that the players had to deal with, which made it more interest-

ing because it was more about knocking over the most pins and not about winning games. Another difference was instead of bowling all nine-game blocks, they bowled two nine-game blocks. The remainder of the tournament, they bowled seven-game blocks, which made it a total of fifty-three games. They bowled on all five of the animal patterns along with the Earl Anthony and Dick Weber patterns. At the end of the fifty-three games, the top five went on for a stepladder final for the show, with the tournament leader picking the pattern.

Pete Weber was able to overcome his idol Mark Roth by winning the Marathon Open. In doing this, he defeated Mike Scorggins 268-224 in the championship game. He won on his dad's tournament lane pattern, the Dick Weber Open pattern. The other players that made the show were Brad Angelo, Chris Barnes, and the Big Nasty Wes Malott.

In the PBA Experience Showdown we saw all of the champions of the Animal Patterns Championship at the World Series of Bowling. Plus, a USBC sport bowling league member Kevin Reuer from Hoffman Estates, Illinois. All six players bowled one whole game on each of the five animal patterns. In each frame they had to switch lanes which had a different animal pattern on it. No one player could get comfortable because players had a different pattern on each and every frame. Rhino Page (Viper), Bill O'Neil (Chameleon), Mike DeVaney (Scorpion) - Norm Duke (Cheetah), and Jack Jurek (Shark).

The USBC Sport League member Kevin Reuer, was struggling, shooting a 173, this is what the champions had to



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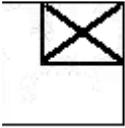
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# Strike Column – The Best Players of the '09-'10 Lumber Liquidators PBA Season

In the '09-10 PBA Season, we once again saw the Player of the Year battle come down to the final ball of the last tournament just like '08-09 Season. This time it was between the great Walter Ray, Bill O'Neill, and Mike Scroggins. What a season finale! These bowlers dominated the PBA the whole season. They were always on the show, week-in and week-out. This is the way to become a dominant player on the PBA Tour.

Bill O'Neill – This season, Bill entered seventeen tournaments, cashed in sixteen of those, made Match Play nine times, made the Championship Round five times, and won his first two PBA Tour Titles, one of which happened to be the U.S. Open. Winning the U.S. Open is quite an accomplishment. In addition, he had the chance to win his first Player of the Year Award. This speaks a lot of Bill O'Neill's potential on the lanes. In the '08-09 Season, he had a similar performance, but did not win a title. He was definitely one of the best of the '09-10 Season.

Walter Ray Williams Jr. – Well, what can I say? Nothin' but the best! Of course, he is always a threat on the lanes. Entering seventeen tournaments, cashing in all of them, making Match Play fourteen times, the Championship Round five times, and winning twice on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour, he bowled 290 in the championship match against Chris Barnes at the USBC Masters. The bowling gods have smiled upon this one! He is definitely a legend of the past two decades, and the number-two bowler in the

history of the PBA. Never count 'The Dead-Eye' out. He will always find a way to hit the pocket and strike, no matter the lane conditions.

Mike Scroggins – If it were not for Weber winning the Marathon Open, we would have been talking about how Scroggins had a career season. He entered seventeen tournaments, cashing in on fifteen of them, made Match Play ten times, and the Championship Round three times. He had a chance to defend his title at the U.S. Open. It would have been the first time in fourteen years since a player successfully defended the U.S. Open title had Mike won that event. He would have had a good shot at winning his first Player of the Year Point Race. There we go again! This was a stellar year for Scroggins' bowling career. As you can tell, these three bowlers were definitely the legends of the '09-10.

Pete Weber – The number four bowler in PBA history entered sixteen tournaments, cashing in fifteen, made match play eleven times, and appeared in three championship rounds. He finished the season with a win at one of the hardest tournaments on the tour, the Marathon Open. This tournament has every pattern that the PBA currently uses. He even made the TV show at the Dick Weber Open

which was named after his legendary father.

Chris Barnes—He preformed well at the World Series of Bowling, but he could not execute to the finish. He entered eighteen tournaments, cashing in all of them, made match play fourteen times, and advanced to the championship round four times. As you can tell, Chris had a great season despite finishing without a title.

In the Motor City Open, we saw the top four bowlers of the '09-10 season.

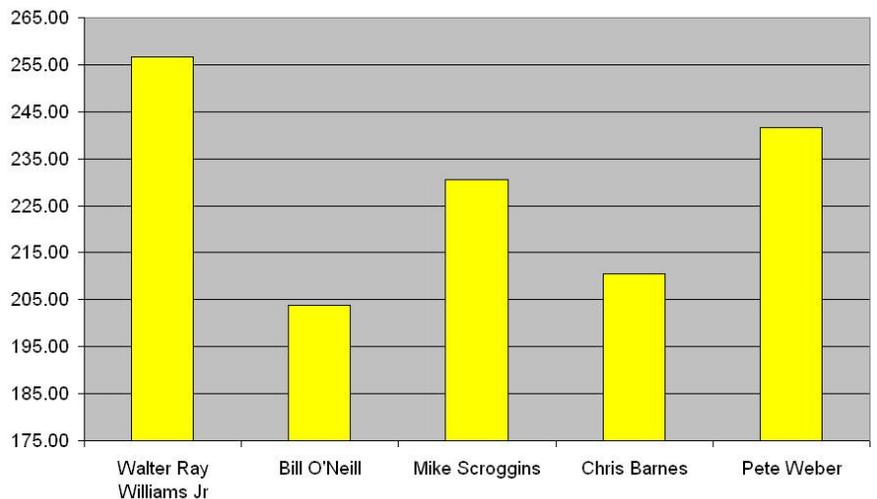
Walter Ray, Bill, Pete, and Chris all made the TV show. It goes to show that the best players are going to start off strong. It is hard to predict how the season was going to go, but from the first tournament of the year, we could see who was going to be at the top in the end.

One can only hope next season's competition will be just as exciting!

Bowler	Cash	Cash %	Match	Match %
Walter Ray Williams Jr	18	100%	14	78%
Bill O'Neill	17	94%	9	50%
Mike Scroggins	16	89%	11	61%
Pete Weber	15	94%	11	69%
Chris Barnes	18	100%	14	78%

Bowler	Champ. Round App.	Champ. Round App. %	Wins	Wins %	Title %
Walter Ray Williams Jr	5	28%	2	11%	40%
Bill O'Neill	5	28%	2	11%	40%
Mike Scroggins	4	22%	1	6%	25%
Pete Weber	3	19%	1	6%	33%
Chris Barnes	4	22%	0	0%	0%

Championship Round Average



## Moments in History

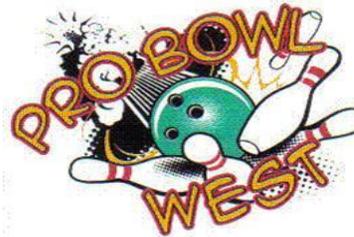
The year was 2000. Parker Bohn III got Player of the Year before the PBA had an awards banquet for all their award winners for the prior year. My family and I got the opportunity to go see Parker get his Player of the Year award at the PBA Tour

Awards Dinner. They also gave out the award to the Rookie of the Year, Sportsmanship Award, and the Bowler of the Decade. Parker received three awards that night: Player of the Year, the Point Leader Award, and the High Average Award. He had the highest average in the history of the PBA. This was a great event to go to because you



got to see your favorite bowlers get their awards. Some of the other award winners were Justin Hormek, Dale Eagle, Mike Pullin, Paul Flemming, and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. It was an incredible night to witness the greatest bowlers receive their awards for their ac-

complishments. When Parker got his award, Johnny Petraglia explained what Parker had to do to get the High Average Award. Johnny clarified it like this: how he moved pairs every game, changing centers every week, and what Parker had to shoot every block in order to do this. The PBA Tour Awards Dinner allowed me to see the greatest bowlers of 1999 receive their awards.



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### -PBA Experience Showdown Cont beat.

Duke wound up shooting a 213, Rhino Page 223, DeVaney 217, Jack Jurek 197, O'Neil was the leader with a score of 258. It looked like Page was going to have his hands full in the five frame championship match of the PBA Experience Showdown, except O'Neil ran into some transition and couldn't put the whole package together.

In the championship match of the five frame game, Page found the line and was able to strike for a 108 over O'Neil's 104 in the championship final five frame game.

The DyDo Japan Cup saw eight players make the championship round, six PBA players and two JPBA players. Time

and time again, the JPBA members did not dominate in their own tournament. It goes to show that the PBA has the best players in the sport of bowling.

A second bowler has won the Japan Cup three or more times. The first being Parker Bohn III. Now Tommy Jones won his third Japan Cup. In doing this, he defeated Dino Castillo 223-192. This was Tommy's thirteenth PBA Tour title. It's been a long time since Tommy has won a title. In the round of 8, he beat Brad Angelo 252-247. In the semifinal round, he beat Mike Fagan with a score of 223-213. Finally, the championship game saw Dino Castillo bowling Tommy with Tommy winning,

223-192. Here is a run down of the 2010 DyDo Japan Cup.

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Tommy Jones (\$40,000) def. Dino Castillo (\$20,000), 223-192.

### SEMIFINAL ROUND (losers earned \$10,000)

Castillo def. Norm Duke, 277-244.  
 Jones def. Mike Fagan, 223-213.

### ROUND OF 8 (losers earned \$6,000)

Duke def. Park Jeon-Soo, Korea, 279-243.  
 Castillo def. Chris Loschetter, 255-225.  
 Jones def. Brad Angelo, 252-247.  
 Fagan def. Choi Won Yong, Korea 257-203.

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## Commentary

In last month's final tournament of the year and in the PBA Experience Showdown, we saw possibly the best bowling has to offer. The reason why is because there were different patterns in every frame and round of the tournaments. This is an interesting feature that the PBA is trying to do. It will bring out the best players trying to stay on top of their game because a bowler cannot get locked in to one pattern and get lined up.

With a mixed-oil pattern in one tournament, this will make the best bowlers be the best bowlers. This can be more exciting than having one pattern. This concept of having a different pattern on each lane makes it seem more like a golf course. It is like having a dog-leg left on one hole and then having a dog-leg right on the next hole. A partial example was the Go RVing Match Play Championship where the left lane had the Shark oil pattern and the right lane had the Cheetah oil pattern.

In the PBA Experience Showdown, every lane had a different animal pattern that the PBA uses on the tour. Some of these included Cheetah, Shark, and Chameleon. Showing the bowling fans how difficult the tour can be is what this is all about.

Hearing that these bowlers are not good is wrong because these bowlers have such demanding lane conditions week after week. Fans do not understand that there are hazards

on the lanes that players have to deal with. Before even throwing their first shot, bowlers need to read the lane. After they throw their first shot, they can make adjustments.

Somebody once said that the World Series of Bowling (WSOB) was like bowling on the US Open pattern for an entire month. Even though they had all the animal pattern championships, the lane surface was hard to read. If this was the case, then the WSOB did bring the best player to the top.

In order to create the best opportunity to give the bowlers a great chance to bowl the best game that they can bowl, you have to create an environment that is challenging and at the same time fair. This task is very difficult to do with the lanes. You can oil the same pattern on different surfaces but they're not going to react the same way that other houses do. At the International Bowling Campus they most likely can create any atmosphere and any surface in the US. With the PBA Experience Showdown, we were able to see what the top stars went through on the PBA Tour. Except this time there was only one frame rather than one game or even one round. This was definitely the best of the best because of changing patterns every frame. You definitely saw a variety of shots to strike. Bill O'Neil was able to get a 5 bagger and put some pressure on his other five opponents. To even get a double was an amazing accomplishment because of changing patterns every frame. This is why Bill O'Neil could be one of the best bowlers out there today.



## PBA Trivia Wizard

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### Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who won the 1989 Seagram's Cooler's US Open?
2. Who won the 2010 PBA Player of the Year?



### Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

#### Not Awarded!

#### Last Month's Answers:

1.) Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia, Pete Weber, Mike Aulby, Norm Duke

2.) Wes Malott

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